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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): SMITH et al.
Serial No.: 10/619,678
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SLICING FOODSTUFFS
Filed: July 15, 2003
Examiner: Drew E. Becker
Art Unit: 1761
Confirmation No.: 7064
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 343.7121USV

**Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing a Response to the communication dated March 13, 2005 for the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

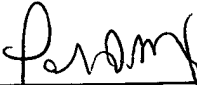
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	11	Minus	20	0	x \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$360.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

 A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

April 13, 2006
Date

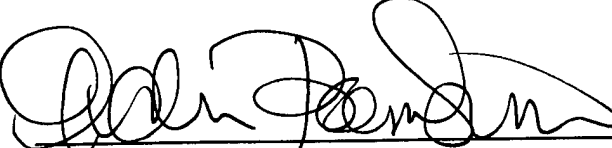


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.